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1. I have no knowledge of any pharmaceutical factories in the USSR with the ex-  
ception of meager information on one in Sverdlovsk. This factory is located  
in the city somewhere south of the Gorodskoy Prud. In 1948 and 1949 this fac-  
tory, which I think is a postwar construction, was seeking to employ pharmacists  
but was not in full operation. I think the plant was producing penicillin and

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- 50X1 probably sulfa drugs but I have the impression that the work done there at that  
50X1 time was routine; [redacted] 50X1
2. While in Sverdlovsk [redacted] the stores in the city had a fair supply of materials  
50X1 and instruments available but very little variety. Government installations such as poly-  
50X1 clinics and hospitals had a sufficient supply of good quality materials and instruments;  
50X1 these goods were obtained from the City or Oblast Pharmaceutical Administration. Gener-  
50X1 ally speaking, I think that this situation prevailed, and probably still prevails, through-  
50X1 out the USSR, ie, average quality and limited variety on the open market and ample and  
50X1 good quality products available to government installations. [redacted]  
50X1 [redacted] dentists and dental technicians who had recently been in the  
50X1 Soviet Union that dental materials and equipment were becoming increasingly more difficult  
50X1 to procure on the open market in the USSR. The items particularly in short supply were all  
50X1 types of metal instruments and casings (gil'za). However, I think that these items are  
50X1 still procurable from government warehouses but only by government installations. [redacted]  
50X1 [redacted] after [redacted] 1951 gold was not to be used in dental  
50X1 prosthetic work. Medicines like penicillin gargle are available only to government installa-  
50X1 tions and are obtainable only from government warehouses. [redacted]  
50X1 polident and polapont and some inferior Soviet plastic which dated back to 1947 or 1948.  
50X1 German and Soviet stainless steel and porcelain were also used. As a rule mostly German  
50X1 materials were used [redacted] but in the middle of 1951 more Soviet products  
50X1 began to appear [redacted] increasingly more Soviet pro-  
50X1 ducts would be employed in dental work by the Soviets in the Eastern Zone of Germany.
3. Practically all government installations obtain their supplies from the City or Oblast  
Pharmaceutical Administration; in the case of polyclinics in rural areas supplies are pro-  
cured from the local city health units. The latter usually are not well-stocked and the  
rural polyclinic is compelled to buy on the open market, order from the Oblast Pharma-  
ceutical Administration, or order directly from Moscow. However, materials ordered from  
Moscow by installations other than government warehouses are usually of a very poor quality.  
The various government warehouses order their supplies directly from Moscow.

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